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For Stereoscopic Measurements

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003, in which the Examiner provided a three-month period to respond, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-19, for prosecution in the subject application.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995) of method claims 20-25.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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